

# Troopers Arrest Newark Man Wanted on Multiple Counts of Felony Theft – Newark

**Newark**– Delaware State Police arrested 23-year-old **Michael Showell-Potts** of Newark, DE on multiple counts of felony theft and related criminal charges after eluding police for months.

A collaborative effort by troopers from Troop 2 and Troop 6 patrol, Troop 2 Drug Unit and Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT), led to the successful apprehension of Michael Showell-Potts who was taken into custody on February, 03, 2021. Showell-Potts had active warrants for felony Theft and other criminal charges related to 22 separate incidents beginning on November 27, 2020 up until January 23, 2021. In addition, Showell-Potts was wanted for numerous traffic related charges stemming from a vehicle pursuit on January 27, 2021.

During the months of December 2020 and January 2021, Showell-Potts targeted numerous businesses in the Newark area and stole Newport cigarettes. Through investigative measures Showell-Potts was identified as the suspect. On January 27, 2021, troopers located the suspect operating the same vehicle used to flee the scene in the prior incidents. A traffic stop was initiated, but Showell-Potts failed to stop and fled from police recklessly and at a high rate of speed.

On February 03, 2021, a search warrant was executed at a residence located on Dumas Place, Newark. Showell-Potts was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Troop 2 where he was charged with the following:

- Theft, Organized Retail Crime Over \$1,500 (Felony)- 5 counts
- Theft Under \$1500 – 2 counts

- Shoplifting Under \$1500 – 6 counts
- Conspiracy 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree- 2 counts
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Numerous Traffic Violations

Showell-Potts was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$21,400 secured bond.

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